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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/8/07

SPONSOR Robinson LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE UNM Natural High Program SB 383

ANALYST Guambaña

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$150.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 383 appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for the Natural High Program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 08 shall revert to the General Fund.

Per HED, this proposal was not submitted by UNM to the Department for review and was not included in their funding recommendation for FY08.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HED states that the Natural High Program is a UNM-sponsored K-12 programs that consists of youth outreach with a focus on middle school students. The mission of the Natural High Program is to provide positive alternatives for at-risk youth through educational, arts, and recreational

activities. The Natural High Program is retention-driven and exposes middle school-aged students to the possibility of college with tutoring, campus visits, workshops, team building, and leadership activities. Kids are paired with UNM students who function both as role models and mentors that work with the schools and local educational serving organizations in delivery of services to participants.

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